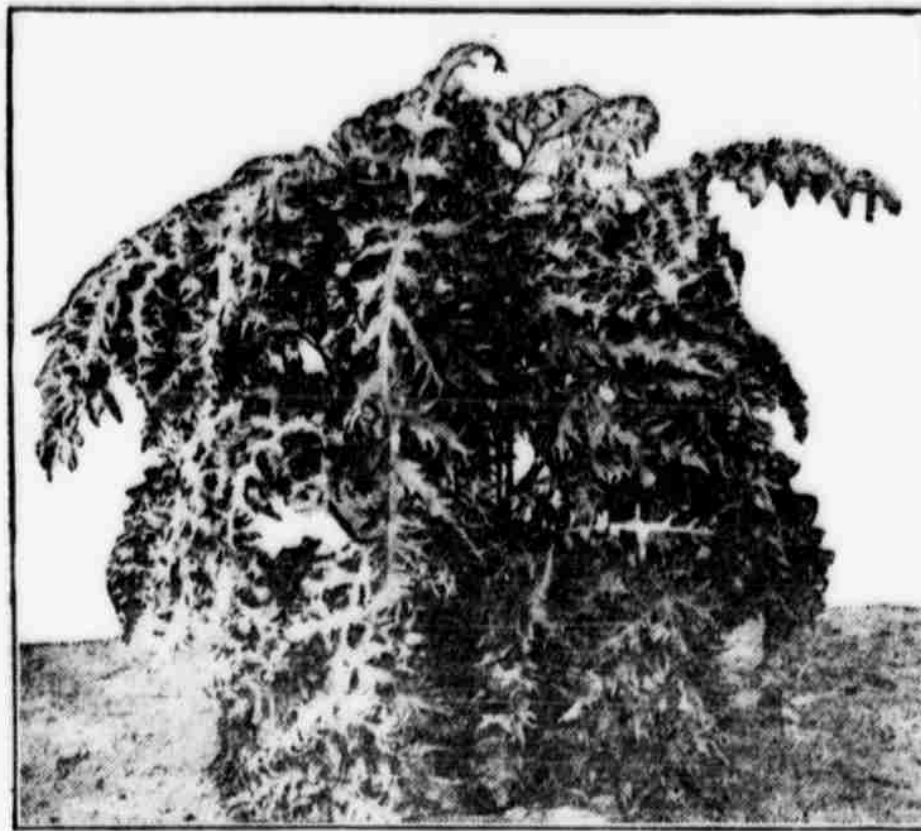


## The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery—  
Their Care and Cultivation.



Specimen Polypodium Mandaianum.

### THE WINDOW GARDEN

By EBEN E. REXFORD.

It may not seem reasonable to the reader to treat of winter window gardens in midsummer, but a careful consideration of the subject from my point of view will convince the flower-loving person, I feel quite sure, that this article is "timely."

Look over the window gardens of your neighbors. In winter, when they ought to be at their best to give the fullest degree of satisfaction, and I think you will find the majority of them far from satisfactory.

The plants will be small, much too small to be ornamental; and if you keep an eye on them throughout the season you will find that few of them reach the flowering stage before March, which is to say that most specimens in the ordinary house collection of plants give few or no flowers at the period when a window garden should afford us the greatest amount of pleasure.

What we aim at is flowers in winter—not in the spring, when the blossoms of the outdoor garden are at hand.

Said a woman to me, not long since: "I don't see why it is that I can't have flowers in the winter. Some of my friends have, and they don't take half as good care of their plants as I do. Why, some of them don't repot their plants at all, still I notice they have flowers from them; and I go over all my plants just before winter sets in, and repot them and cut them back or start new ones and take pains to give them the best soil and am so careful about watering, and fertilizing, and airing, but most of them will not blossom for me. They look healthy and they grow well, but one doesn't care for just leaves."

Now, this woman's failure to obtain flowers from her plants was explained by three words she made use of—"just before winter." The attention she gave the plants at that period came several months too late.

The fact is, as anyone will readily see when they come to think the matter over, a plant cannot be satisfactorily developed in two or three months. Not much can be expected from a plant that is not made ready for winter until that season is about upon us.

In order to secure a good collection of good-sized plants for the winter, one must begin to get ready during the summer. By the term "good-sized," I do not mean large plants in the usual sense of the word, but rather plants of sufficient development to justify one in expecting flowers from them for the holidays.

Age is often a more important factor in plant culture than mere size. Young plants seldom bloom while development is taking place most rapidly. They must "get their growth" so to speak, before we can expect them to bend their energies to the production of flowers.

Therefore, I advise the owner of a collection of house plants from which she wishes to secure flowers all

through the winter season to get the plants under way now. If some of them are large, cut them back and allow them to renew themselves wholly, as to branches, during the months between now and winter.

Report now, if necessary, and shift such as seem to need larger pots. If young plants are to be used, procure them at once and keep them going ahead steadily.

Do not be so anxious to secure rapid development that you fall into the error of overfeeding. Simply aim to bring about a strong, healthy growth, and as long as a plant seems to be making such growth do not make use of the fertilizers.

It is one of the hardest things I know of to make an enthusiastic amateur plant grower satisfied to "let well enough alone." She is constantly wanting to urge her pets on a little faster, and in her efforts to do this she gives them more food than they can digest, and the consequence is a breakdown from overstimulation nine times out of ten.

A plant that does not get as much food as it can make good use of, will give vastly greater satisfaction in the long run, than the plant that gets so much food that it doesn't know what to do with it.

Some persons are under the impression that all plants for winter use must be young ones. Such is not the case, however. Year-old plants, as a general thing, are much preferable to the young ones.

There are exceptions as in the case of Chinese primroses, Primula obconica and others of a habit similar, in some respects to our annuals; but for the majority of plants adapted to house culture like geraniums, heliotropes, begonias, abutilons, asparagus in variety and carnations, older plants should always be chosen.

This summer I start the geraniums which I intend to depend upon for winter flowers a year from the coming winter. These will bloom some this winter if I let them, but I shall hold them in check to a great extent for future service.

The person who preaches "young plants for winter flowering" to you does not take into consideration the fact that a plant started this season from a cutting will have but few branches by winter, and a plant that has but few branches cannot give many flowers because ample flowering surface means many branches.

Therefore, instead of letting the geraniums you start this summer blossom in the winter, keep pinching them back to produce a sufficient number of branches to give the desired amount of flowering surface.

The more branches there are the more flowers you may expect.

Cut your ferns apart now and use each division of the roots that has a piece of crown attached as the basis of a new plant. Use leaf mold or turfy loam for this class of plants, if obtainable.

Hanging baskets should receive attention at once.



Nephrolepis Tuckersa Plumosa.

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### CHARITY CLOSE TO HOME

Smith's Seemingly Generous Action Was Not Altogether a Matter of Philanthropy.

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas remarked the other day that philanthropy was not always actuated by a beautiful and generous heart, and told this story to back up his statement:

One afternoon a bunch of congenial spirits were talking about the various leading citizens of the town when a parsimonious party by the name of Smith was smilingly referred to.

"Speaking of Smith," interposed another of the bunch, "I met him yesterday afternoon going around town with a petition trying to collect money for a poor widow that she might pay her rent."

"What's that?" exclaimed the amazed crowd, all of whom knew Smith. "Collecting funds for a widow's rent? What sort of for the millennium at 6 a. m. tomorrow?"

"Oh, no, it isn't as bad as that," explained the other. "You see, Smith owns the house that the widow lives in."

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### Sacrifice for Art.

One cold, wet and windy night he came upon a negro shivering in the doorway of an Atlanta store. Wondering what the darky could be doing standing on a cold, wet night in such a place, the proprietor of the shop said:

"Jim, what are you doing here?" "Seize me, sah," said Jim, "but I'm gwine to sing bass tomorrow mornin' at church, an' I am trying to ketch a cold."

### One or the Other.

"Do I make myself perfectly plain?" asked Miss Fertysmith, who is intellectual, concluding her argument.

"More so than anybody I ever saw before in my life!" answered J. Fuller Gloom. "Er—er—well, either that or you were born so."—Kansas City Star.

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### Logical.

Blobs—Bjones is the most unlucky fellow at cards I ever met.

Slobbs—Then I suppose he is lucky in love?

Blobs—I suppose so. At any rate, he has never been married.—London Opinion.

We hear of new uses of Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. In dehorning cattle, light applications help to stop bleeding, making the use of a hot iron unnecessary. Adv.

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### Faded Sentiment.

That beautiful sentiment eventually dies a sad death would seem to be demonstrated by a story told the other night by a southern congressman.

Smith, who lives in the suburbs, was about to hustle for the commutation train some time since, when his wife followed him to the door as usual to make sure that his shoes were tied and that he hadn't forgotten his necktie.

"Say, John," reflectively remarked the good woman as they reached the veranda, "do you know that this is the fifteenth anniversary of our wedding?"

"Why, so it is," returned John, doing some hasty mental arithmetic. "I will bring you home a nice bunch of roses."

"Roses are very sweet," was the practical response of mother, "but you had better make it some oysters to fry for supper."

### Why We Eat Eggs.

"I am a firm believer in advertising," said a great advertising expert. "I impute a great part of my own success to it."

Here the expert's sunburnt and healthy face was illuminated by one of his rare and charming smiles.

"When a duck lays an egg," he said, "she waddles back to the duck pond in indifferent silence. But when a hen lays an egg her frantic cackles make it known."

"The hen advertises. And that, my dear friends, is why the world eats hens' eggs instead of ducks' eggs."

### Settling It.

They were just about to get married and were discussing the details of domestic economy.

"But I'm afraid, dearest, we shall not be able to afford a servant at first," he said, looking tenderly at her.

"Oh, Harry, whatever will the neighbors say when they see me doing my own work?"

"Why, darling," replied Henry, genuinely puzzled, "whose work do you want to do?"

### "Old and Distinguished."

"Gerald," said the young wife, noticing how heartily he was eating, "do I cook as well as your mother did?" Gerald put up his monocle and stared at her through it.

"Once and for all, Agatha," he said, "I beg you to remember that although I may seem to be in reduced circumstances now, I come of an old and distinguished family. My mother was not a cook."

### Pessimistic View.

"Do you believe the microbes said to be in kisses ever develop into anything dangerous?" asked the fair maid.

"I'm afraid they do," replied the old bachelor. "At least I've been told that marriage is often the result."

### For Burns and Scalds.

In case of burns and scalds apply Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh and get relief. Apply it to cool the skin and take the fire out. Have a bottle always on hand to use in case of accidents. Adv.

### Not Easy to Do.

"Why is it that the dog is always referred to as the most intelligent animal?" asked the elephant.

"Because he knows how to get a good living without doing any work," replied the horse.

### Thoroughly Lost.

Othello explained his jealousy. "I thought she lost it waving a Chau-tauqua salute," he cried.

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Walters at one well-known London restaurant are being instructed in the French language at the expense of their employers.

When two cats fight in the dark they merely scratch a match.

On the other hand, the mare sometimes makes the money go.

### ORDER HAD HIM "IN THE AIR"

Boatswain's Mate Considerably Muddled by Command That Was Entirely New to Him.

In all the naval services tradition is strong. As Chief Boatswain McCarthy, U. S. N., has shown in an article in "The Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute," the adherence to custom extends to the manner in which the boatswain's calls are varied for different occasions, and even, in the old navy, at least, it extended to the way in which the officers gave their orders.

The language used in passing words was the vernacular of the sailor rather than academic English, and the officer who did not know that usually got poor results from the boatswain's mate, who had his own ideas about passing the word, and got muddled in interpreting any unusual order.

On one occasion, the officer of the morning watch gave this order: "Boatswain's mate, scrub down with rapidity." This was a new one, and after causing the officer to repeat the order three times, the boatswain's mate became desperate. He grabbed a deck bucket, and forced it into the hand of the nearest apprentice, whom he started on his way with a push that sent the youngster reeling, and followed him with this shout:

"Go to the captain of the hold and tell him for a bucketful of it! I never heard of anything to scrub a deck with but sand and lime, and I don't know anything about these new 'spongymoodies,' anyway."—Youth's Companion.

### He Hadn't Been There.

"Mr. Daubyn said he would keep house while Mrs. Daubyn was away."

"Yes."

"He wrote glowing letters to her about his experiments in the kitchen and the fun he was having washing dishes."

"Fine!"

"When Mrs. Daubyn returned at the end of two weeks Mr. Daubyn, of course, met her at the station and escorted her home."

"And the sequel?"

"At the door he discovered that she took his latch key away with her the day she left."

### Some Drink.

"What are you doing?" demanded Marc Anthony, as Cleopatra dropped a priceless pearl into her glass of wine.

"I'm inventing a new summer drink," replied the queen. "I'm going to call it pearl sundae."

### Oh, Pickles!

Hazel—I don't like windy weather. It plays havoc with one's complexion. Almee—Perhaps you don't get your complexion on thick enough.

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"A bank clerk was having his fortune told at a church fair. The pretty fortune teller, holding the young man's hand in hers said:

"Beware of a dark woman!"

"Black Maria!" gasped the bank clerk, and he turned as pale as death."

### Curio Fakers.

Lincoln Springfield, the English editor, was lunching in London when a Samoan entered and shook him by the hand.

"What do the natives do for a living over there?" Mr. Springfield asked the Samoan.

"Oh," said the other, "they sell coconuts, and birds-of-paradise, and Robert Louis Stevenson's inkwell."

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